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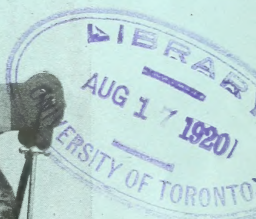
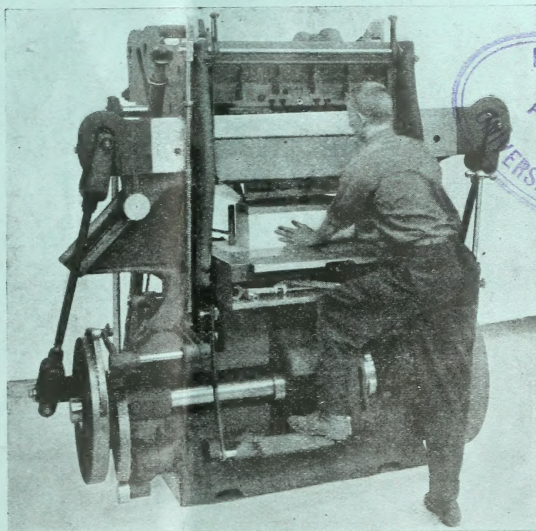
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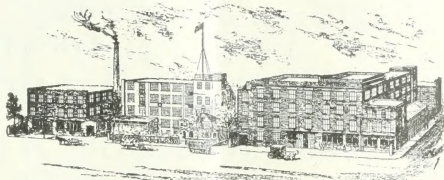
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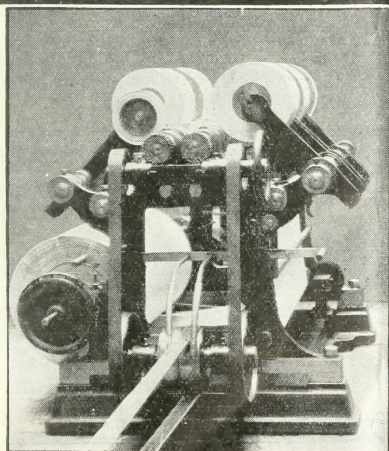
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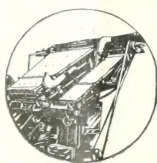
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# The Men who Won the War.

What Can the Printing Industry Do  
for the Disabled Ex-Service Men?

The Great War could never have been won if the British printer had refused to put his technical capabilities at his country's service in her hour of need. Moreover, the industry which produced such torrents of indispensable war material in the form of war posters, Army and food-control forms, military and charitable propaganda pamphlets, and a profusion of other printed matter of every kind—this industry also vied with the best of the rest of the country's industries in paying a very heavy tribute both of masters and men, to take a still more active part in bringing victory to the Allies in the most tremendous conflict of history.

More than one prominent individual—from military commander to politician, and even sensational journalist!—has been credited, either by himself or others, with having "won the war." But, of course, the war was won by no individual; it was won by the co-operative effort of millions of people, every one of whom did his or her part in the discharge of duty. Those who can best lay claim to having won the war are those who have suffered most—in mind, body or estate—in the faithful carrying out of that particular bit of service which their country claimed of them. And there is no class of the community which can better make good this claim than the disabled ex-service men.

Now, the war is over; the work of the appeals which the printers printed is completed; and to-day we have with us as one outcome of the war many men who, on account of their self-sacrificing war-services, find themselves launched upon a struggle for existence which, hard enough for the able-bodied, is doubly hard for the disabled.

When a noble lord, a few months ago, accused the printing trade of indifference to the fate of the disabled ex-service men, it was possible to point, in reply, to the excellent services rendered by the Printing and Kindred Trades National Technical Advisory Committee in training disabled men for such work as they can perform in connection with the printing and allied trades; and it was possible to point to the printing trade unions as being whole-heartedly in sympathy, and having frequently abrogated their rules in giving that sympathy practical expression. The time has come, however, when something more should be done in this matter. The industry has provided opportunities for the preliminary training of the disabled; many men have received such training; many have already been absorbed into the industry, but now an appeal is being made for more offers of employment for these partially trained men.

The training of these men has been carried on not only in London, but also in Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Leeds, Leicester and Manchester, and it is estimated that over 350 men have been, or are in process of being, thus trained. London's share of this total is over 200.

The scheme of the Printing and Kindred Trades National Technical Advisory Committee (full particulars of which are to be found in Report M.5.XVI. of the "Openings in Industry Suitable for Disabled Sailors and Soldiers" issued by the Ministry of Labour—a copy of which should be in the hands of every employing printer), provides that men under training, and their dependents, receive monetary allowances from the State. Candidates for training have, before acceptance, to



undergo a thorough examination, not only in respect of physical fitness, but also in respect of natural and educational qualification for the work which it is desired to take up. The classes of work included under the scheme are the following: Composing—hand and mechanical (Lino and Mono); letterpress printing—cylinder and platen; lithographic printing—transferring and machining; book-binding—forwarding, finishing and ruling; photo-engraving—operating and etching; stereotyping and electrotyping—moulding and finishing; warehouse work; Monotype casting; laying-on; copy-holding; proof-pulling. The men spend a preliminary period in a technical institute, and so enter the workshop with some knowledge to help them in making a start. The exhibition at the Central Hall, Westminster, of the work of disabled ex-service men—to which we drew attention in our last issue—showed that some excellent work is produced by the trainees while yet in the first stage of their training. The printing exhibits at that exhibition were from the London training centre, established at the St. Bride Institute, under the direction of Mr. J. R. Riddell, where as many as 30 to 50 ex-service men are in training at a time. Mr. Riddell, by the way, in personally supervising the training and placing in employment of 200 disabled ex-service men, has been performing a piece of service which, while attracting little attention, merits the thanks and support of the trade. And in carrying out this work, Mr. Riddell is the right man in the right place, as he is well able to give not only the technical instruction and guidance required, but also that understanding encouragement and practical sympathy which, in dealing with the disabled man, are no less necessary than are technical knowledge and ability.

Here is a point that employers of ex-service men should note. To give the disabled ex-service man a job is to render a much-needed service, but a little more than this is required: in view of the disabilities he has suffered, and the break in his life caused by the war, the disabled man should be allowed a little special latitude and consideration until he has had time to "made good." An endeavour should be made to give him an easy start and to offer him every encouragement to settle down with the determination that in spite of special difficulties he will become a skilled craftsman and a worthy member of the great industry he has entered.

Here is a service of true reconstruction and brotherhood ready to the employer's hand, and the call goes forth that every printer who finds it possible, should include a reasonable proportion of disabled ex-service men among his employees. The matter is one that must be left to the individual, and it would be well if every employer in the printing and allied trades would consider seriously his own position in respect of the disabled ex-service man, and ask himself whether he is yet doing all that it is his privilege and duty to do in giving the possibility of a livelihood to those who have given so much for the general good.

## Direct Action against War.

There has been issued an appeal to British trade unionists signed by five members of the recent Labour delegation to Russia—of which Mr. H. Skinner, the general secretary of the Typographical Association, is a member, together with Mr. A. Purcell, Mr. Ben Turner, Mr. R. C. Wallhead and Mr. Robert Williams. The appeal is published by the National "Hands Off Russia" Committee. The signatories, after a reference to the resolution of the special Trade Unions Congress, on "the production of war material to be used against Ireland and Russia," say: "We have visited Russia and have been compelled to realise that no form of Parliamentary action will induce the British Government to give up its policy of trying to strangle the Soviet regime." They conclude: "We appeal, therefore, to the men and women who make up and determine the policy of the trade union movement, that they should at branch and lodge meetings, and by such means as are available to them, decide in favour of direct action as the only way out of the impasse into which we have been forced by the Churchills, Milners, Curzons, Golovins, and Pilsudskis."

## Weldons and Production Difficulties

At the twenty-second annual ordinary general meeting of Weldons, Ltd., held on Thursday last at the Savoy Hotel, Mr. A. T. Hollingsworth (the chairman), presiding, had a good deal to say about increasing costs.

"The present inflated price of paper," he said, "is a great source of difficulty, nor do we see much prospect at present of a reduction in that direction. The same remark applies to printing, which has not only enormously increased in cost, but is not now by any means as satisfactory as formerly."

Mr. Hollingsworth mentioned that in 1918 Weldons were forced to eliminate nearly all advertisements from their publications, in order to conserve paper to maintain their circulation—a very drastic step at the time—but their policy proved correct.

In announcing an increase in its advertisement rates, the *Western Gazette* states that it is losing 3d. on every copy sold.

With rapidly-rising costs of book-production, printed prices give trouble. The plan of printing book prices on the inside corner of the jacket has been adopted by several American publishers, and is proving satisfactory to all parties. If a later printing has an increased price, the figures can be clipped from the corner without disfigurement to the jacket.

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## The Labour Visit to Russia.

### Alleged Victimisation of Typographical Union.

Mr. G. Alexinsky, a former Socialist member of the Duma, and the founder of one of the sections of the Russian Typographical Union, has addressed an open letter to the British Labour Delegation to Russia. It appeared in *La Cause Commune* on Saturday. The letter reads:—

"I should like to bring to your notice the following facts. During your journey in Russia you were received by the Typographical Union, whose members explained to you the actual situation of the working masses in our country, without attenuation or concealment. Immediately your delegation had left, the active members of the Typographical Union were subjected by the Bolshevik Government to the most odious persecution. The latest issues of the official Soviet Press announce the dissolution of the union by a Government decision. I have received news also of the arrest of the general secretary of the union, Comrade Kefali, a well-known Social-Democrat and head of all the professional organisations of the printers in Russia. He has been arrested and the union dissolved for the crime of telling you frankly about the Communist régime."

The letter concludes by calling upon the British Delegation to protest against this action of Lenin's government.

## Paper Bag Trade Wages.

The Paper Bag Trade Board give notice in the *London Gazette*, of July 30th—as required by Section 3 (5) of the Trade Boards Act, 1918—that they propose to vary the general minimum time rates, piece work basis time rates and overtime rates for male and female workers set out in the Schedules of their Notices dated November 22nd, 1919, and March 12th, 1920, the variations proposed being shown in a schedule.

In respect of general minimum time rates for male workers, wages of machine tacklers are to vary from 11½d. per hour at 18 years of age to 8½d. at 23 and over. Paper bag cutters are awarded wages ranging from 10d. per hour at 18 to 1s. 6½d. at 23 and over. Reduced rates are specified for men entering the trade for the first time at 21 years and over. Hydraulic pressers, slitters, stock-keepers, packers and despatchers of 21 years of age and over receive from 1s. 4½d. to 1s. 5½d. per hour. Other male workers receive: (a) workers other than learners: from 1s. 1½d. to 1s. 4½d. per hour, (b) learners receive from 4½d. to 1s. 2½d. per hour. Piece work rates for female workers range from 8½d. to 9½d. per hour.

## The Imperial Press Conference.

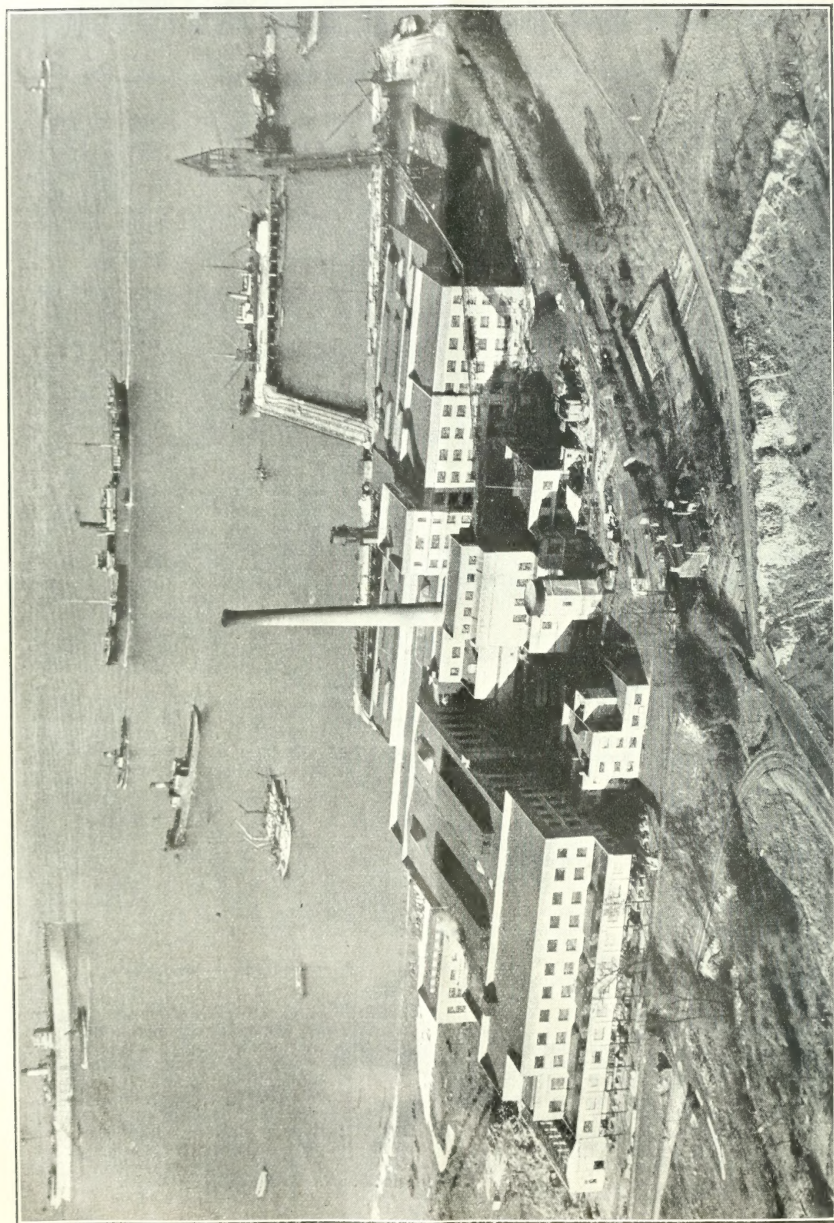
### Printing Trade Union Leaders Speak.

The British delegates to the Imperial Press Conference at Ottawa are being lavishly entertained as they journey through Canada, and some important speeches have been made by the delegates. One of the most striking was that by Mr. T. E. Naylor, representing the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation, delivered at St. John on Friday, at an official luncheon to the members of the British delegation.

Mr. Naylor is said to have made one of the best impressions of any speaker so far heard. He said that he was not there to apologise for possibly looking on all Imperial questions from a slightly different angle than his colleagues. The time was approaching when Labour would be called upon to govern Britain, but that would not make the slightest difference in the attitude of the Motherland to the Overseas Dominions. Nothing that the representatives of Labour would do would affect the desire of those who led to make the policy of the Empire great and successful and to restrain those forces which tended to disintegration and revolution. He added that while the Labour members of the delegation rejoiced in the general prosperity of the Empire, they were looking closely into the conditions of the existence of working men in this country, and they hoped that the result would be calculated to promote the best feelings between the industrial elements of the newspaper profession at home and in the Dominions.

Mr. George Isaacs, speaking at a civic luncheon on Saturday, at Fredericton (New Brunswick), strongly confirmed the high opinion of the calibre of the Labour delegates created by Mr. T. E. Naylor's speech the previous day. He made a powerful address, in which he emphasised the lesson in democracy presented by the presence of Mr. Naylor and himself with proprietors, publishers, and editors in this great council of the Empire's Press, and declared that the elements here represented would work harmoniously to maintain the highest traditions and ideals of the British Empire and further to cement the bond of union between the Motherland and the Colonies.

The major portion of the July issue of the *Industrial League and Council Journal* is taken up with the two days' convention held at Manchester in the middle of June. It includes reports of papers read at the convention by Mr. H. G. Williams, M.Sc., M.E. (Liverpool), A.M.I.C.E., on "Currency, Credit and Foreign Exchanges, and their Relation to the Cost of Living"; by Mr. F. S. Button, A.S.E., member of the Industrial Court, on "Payments by Results"; and Mr. J. D. Steven on "The Functions of Works Committees."



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 Dickinson and Co., J., and Hawdon, F. G. Envelope machines. 21,815.  
 Frenkel and Co., J., and Stranders, J. Show cards and display devices. 21,757.  
 Imray, O. Y. Loose-leaf binders. 21,905.  
 Larmour, J. Process for bookbinding. 21,675.  
 Smith, H. R. Paper box shells. 20,940.  
 Smith, H. R. Paper box constructions. 20,941.  
 Spiess, G. Machines for cross-cutting paper, etc. 20,334.  
 Swift, G. W. Machine for making double-faced cellular or corrugated paper board. 16,091.  
 Waite, F., and Waite and Saville. Feed mechanism for printing, etc., machines. 22,037.  
 Whitehead, R. F. Loose-leaf binders. 21,774.

### Specifications Published, 1919.

- Pollard, H. F. Invoice or like forms. 147,396.

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- Poynder, T. H. Method and apparatus for treating paper for forming leaves of loose-leaf books or binders. 147,410.

### COMPLETE SPECIFICATIONS OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION BEFORE ACCEPTANCE.

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- Locke, E. A. Paper boxes. 147,542.  
 American Multigraph Co. Printing machines. 147,682.  
 American Multigraph Co. Envelope-handling mechanism for address printing machines. 147,684.

## Bookbinders and Machine Rulers.

### Minimum Pate Agreement.

An agreement has been signed between the Federation of Master Printers and the National Union of Bookbinders and Machine Rulers. Under this agreement:—

- (1) The London branch of that Union will be included in the National Wage Agreement as Grade 1 (a) and the minimum rate paid to members of that Union will be 95s., such minimum to come into force on and from the pay day in the week ending August 7th, 1920;
- (2) There is to be no claim, in consequence of the agreement, for an increase in the rate of pay by the members of the National Union of Bookbinders and Machine Rulers who are already being paid 95s. or more per week;
- (3) Piece work rates are not affected by the agreement.

This agreement follows naturally upon the negotiations of a few months ago, as the National Union of Bookbinders and Machine Rulers made it a condition, when they agreed that their demand in April, 1920, for an all-round increase should be treated as a national matter and be dealt with by the Federation of Master Printers, that a conference should be held with a view to the same minimum rate as that of the compositors being granted to their members (thus bringing London into line with the Provinces, where the bookbinders and machine rulers receive the same rate as the compositors). This request was acceded to and the agreement in question has been entered into with the approval of the Trade Rulers and Vellum Binders' Section and the Bookbinding Section of the Chamber of Commerce.

## St. Bride Foundation Printing School

### Summer-Term Costing Class.

The results of the examination held on Wednesday, June 30th, 1920, are now issued by the examiners, Mr. W. Howard Hazell and Mr. Harold Curwen.

The examiners point out that the percentage of passes are lower than formerly. This is probably due to the fact that the examinations become more difficult every test, particularly so when the altering trade conditions have to be accounted for in the answers to questions which may be called the last word in cost accountancy for the printing industry.

The results are as follows:—Elliott, E. R., 144; Drewett, J. W., 138; Green, J. N., 132; Deeprose, D., 130; Fowler, A. G., 122; Cutting, H. W., 120; Medcalf, W. S., 118; Harvey, C., 117; Twigg, H., 116; Tipping, E., 110; Hopkins, W. H., 108; Hurford, J. H., 102; Prebble, H. N., 101.

## Amalgamated Paper Mills, Ltd.

### Interesting Facts Concerning Kelvindale and Bollington Paper Mills.

In connection with the formation of the Amalgamated Paper Mills, Ltd., with a capital of £900,000, which is to acquire the businesses of Edward Collins and Sons, Kelvindale, Maryhill, Glasgow, and Henry and Leigh Slater, Harter-street, Manchester, and Lower Mills, Bollington, near Macclesfield, as going concerns, some interesting facts concerning the paper mills are available. The Kelvindale Mills are amongst the oldest paper-making concerns in the United Kingdom, the business having been established in 1746. The Kelvindale works cover an area of upwards of 12 acres. They were practically re-designed and rebuilt—consequent upon a fire which occurred in 1912—with modern and substantial fireproof buildings. Four paper-making machines of the following dimensions, viz., 106-ins., 94-ins., 81½ ins. and 71-ins., are in regular operation. The 106 in. machine, which was installed in 1914, effected an increase in the capacity of the plant to the extent of nearly 50 per cent. The machinery includes the auxiliary plant essential for the manufacture, finishing, cutting, and packing of paper.

The business of Henry and Leigh Slater, Ltd., was established in 1865. The company's works at Bollington, near Macclesfield, cover 3½ acres and consist of several large and well-constructed buildings, the largest of which was built in 1911. The plant and machinery consist of 15 coating machines, together with the necessary auxiliary plant and engines, boilers, and electric equipment. The company owns a five-storey warehouse in Manchester. Henry and Leigh Slater, Ltd., in association with Mons. A. Bergès, of the well-known paper manufacturers, Papeteries Bergès (Lancy, Persan, Alfortville, and Paris), have formed a new company—Société Franco-Anglaise de Papiers Spéciaux, which is building new works at Eragny, near Paris, for the purpose of coating the papers manufactured by the Bergès Company on the same lines as at Bollington.

The products of the Kelvindale Mills include fine and super-calendered printings in sheets and reels, lithographic, banks, chart, music, enamelling papers, E.S. writings, envelopes, blottings, pulp boards, and transfer papers. The products of the Bollington Mills include chromo enamels, white and tinted enamels and surface coloured papers, box enamels, gummed papers, tinfoil and goldfoil papers, pasteboards, plain and enamelled. Henry and Leigh Slater, Ltd., require for their specialities large quantities of paper of the kind manufactured at the Kelvindale Mills.

The average output from the two mills during the current year amounts approximately to 190 tons per week, and it is anticipated that this rate of production will be increased shortly when skilled labour becomes more plentiful.

A valuation of the Kelvindale works by Messrs. Thomas Young, Son and Miller, and Messrs. Bertrams, Ltd., Sciennes, Edinburgh (Mr. Samuel Milne, director), puts the value at £494,700 as a going concern. The value of the Bollington plant is placed by Messrs. E. Rushton, Son and Kenyon at £170,374. The total assets of the new company are £900,575, after providing for liabilities.

The directors of the new company are Mr. Charles H. Waller (Messrs. Waller Bros., Halifax, and a director of the Bank of Liverpool and Martins, Ltd.); Mr. Alexander W. Allan (director and manager of Edward Collins and Sons), who has a high reputation as a papermaker in Scotland; Mr. Harold S. L. Slater (chairman and managing director of Henry and Leigh Slater, Ltd.); Mr. Cuthbert F. L. Slater (director and works manager of Henry and Leigh Slater, Ltd.).

## Action Over "News" Supplies.

In the King's Bench Division, last week, Mr. Justice Roche had before him an action by Dobson, Molle and Co., Ltd., paper merchants, of St. Clair Works, Edinburgh, against M. Levy and G. Isaacs, trading as Geo. Harrison, of Eastcheap, London, claiming damages for breach of contract. Defendants denied the contract and breach.

Mr. Disturnal, K.C., and Mr. St. John Field appeared for plaintiffs, and Mr. D. Hogg, K.C., Mr. Barrington Ward, K.C., and Mr. H. Du Parcq for the defendants.

Mr. Disturnal said the action was brought by the plaintiffs in regard to the non-delivery of paper. The contract was for 2,000 tons "news" paper from Sweden, 1,000 tons in reels and 1,000 tons in sheets, to be delivered during the months March to September. The defendants set up that the contract was not a definitely concluded one, that defendants never agreed to sell the goods, and further that the sale was to be subject to certain conditions which were never approved of. Counsel said the contract was contained in the correspondence that had passed between the parties.

The further hearing was adjourned.

On Wednesday when the hearing of this action was resumed, Mr. Disturnal said since the adjournment of the Court the parties had arrived at a settlement, which plaintiffs thought was a very good business settlement of the action. The action would be stayed on terms endorsed upon counsels' briefs and signed by them.

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## Trade Notes.

A DEMAND exists at Jaffa (Palestine) for box-boards.

MR. GEORGE DAVID SMITH, of Manhattan, New York, U.S.A., the famous book dealer, who died intestate, left £43,580.

A SIX-DAY Newspaper Bill prohibiting the printing and delivery of newspapers on Sundays has been introduced in the French Chamber.

A GOVERNMENT report states that there are many openings for women in Australia as machinists and factory workers in cardboard box-making and the stationery trade.

"OYEZ NOTES" for July (house organ of the Solicitors' Law Stationery Society, Ltd.), comes along more handsomely printed than ever, and containing many interesting items.

THE Helsingfors Chamber of Commerce, has petitioned the Government for financial support of a trade journal in English. The arrangements have been made to cover most of the cost and the first number will appear in September.

BOOKBINDERS and producers of pamphlets, catalogues and the like, will be interested to see the newest specimens of imitation leather papers, marble papers, linen papers, and many other useful lines now on offer by Messrs. Samuel Jones and Co., Ltd., Bridewell-place, London, E.C.4.

A CATALOGUE of "Manuscripts, Incunables, Woodcut Books, and Books from Early Presses," issued by Messrs. Maggs Bros., of Conduit-street, London, will be of interest to every lover of printed books. Besides 372 pages of items—many with interesting notes or quotations added—the catalogue contains 40 excellent plate reproductions of curious old book pages, woodcuts, etc.

THE American printing trade journal, the *Ben Franklin Monthly*, raises a protest against the designation "printers" as applied to the operators of such so-called printing plants as can be seen in shop windows turning out visiting and business cards. "The mere fact," says our contemporary, "that a person can set a line of type, place it in a hand press, and with a few revolutions turn out a business card, does not make him a printer by any means."

FOR disfiguring the landscape at Brentwood with advertisement hoardings the Borough Bill-Posting Co., Stratford, were fined £8 at Brentwood last Thursday, under the Advertisements Regulation Act, 1907. The Bench said that a continuing fine of £2 a day would be inflicted if the hoardings were not removed within a fortnight. It was stated that the hoardings, some of which were 100 ft. long, were vividly coloured advertisements.

OWING to expansion of business the International Art Paper Co. have been compelled

to secure larger premises, and their address is now 341, 343 and 345, Corn Exchange-buildings, Corporation-street, Manchester. Telephone number, City 1944.

Two fatal accidents occurred in the paper, printing, etc., group of trades during June.

OF special interest to printers, besides being important as a contribution to the history of the Great War, is the volume "War Posters," edited by Martin Hardie and Arthur Sabin (pp. xvi. 46 and 80 illustrations, 25s. net), published by Messrs. A. and C. Black.

A COMPOSITOR 91 years of age has passed away in the person of Mr. Quenton Young, a native of Ayr, who served his apprenticeship of seven years in the *Ayr Advertiser* office, where he was also engaged for many years as a journeyman, being afterwards employed for a considerable time in the office of the *Ayr Observer*.

AN Italian newspaper office suffered severe handling the other day—presumably on account of opinions expressed in the paper. Demonstrators entered the building where the Rome edition of the Socialist journal *Avanti* was being printed, and smashed the printing machines. They carried away bundles of the newspapers and burned them in the street.

THURSDAY last saw a sudden end in the King's Bench Division, before the Lord Chief Justice, to the libel action against the proprietors and printers of *John Bull*, brought by Lieut. J. P. F. Turner, R.N. The defendants unreservedly withdrew all imputations against the plaintiff and his mother, and paid a substantial sum as compensation.

THE death is announced at Bispham of Mr. John Ogden, aged 69. For many years he was secretary for Messrs. Jas. Wrigley and Son, Bridge Hall Paper Mills, Bury, and married a sister of Lord Doverdale. His Lordship and Mr. Walter Maden (representing the firm) attended the funeral. The deceased gentleman is survived by his widow, three sons and two daughters.

THE Post Office and Telegraph Bill was read a second time in the Commons last week. The main proposals of the measure are: Telegrams.—A maximum rate of 1s. for the first 12 words or less than 12 words, with 1d. per word after the first twelve. Newspapers.—One penny up to the first 6 ozs. in weight, and an additional 3d. for every 6 ozs. or fractional part of 6 ozs., up to a maximum weight to be fixed by the Postmaster-General.

At Sotheby's, last week, there was submitted for sale a collection of 114 of the earliest and rarest Bibles, dating from 1537 until 1668. The collection, formed by an old-time enthusiast, contains examples of the Great Bible, 1540; the "Bug," 1549; the Geneva, or "Breeches," 1560; a "Whig" Bible; a "Preaching," dated 1668; a "Pearl," 1653; and a Tyndale version of the New Testament, 1548. The collection brought in a total sum of £367.



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# Current Topics.

## Manchester-Liverpool Lock-Out Threatened.

ALTHOUGH the Executive Council of the  
Typographical Association forwarded to  
every member of the T.A. in Liverpool and  
Manchester a letter asserting that their  
authority must be upheld and directing  
attention to Rules 50 and 55 of the Associa-  
tion, under which disciplinary action would,  
if necessary, be taken, and although the  
Executive appealed to the affected branches,  
for the good of the Association as a whole, to  
withdraw their sectional demand and the  
embargo on overtime in order "to enable the  
Council to use its efforts to secure improved  
conditions for all members, as provided for in  
the recent national settlement of wages, which  
provides for a conference being now arranged  
consequent upon the passing of the Rent  
Restrictions Act"—yet the T.A. branches in  
Liverpool and Manchester refused to modify  
their attitude. Consequently the employer,

on Friday tendered a fortnight's notice to all  
members of the Association in the affected  
area. We understand the Federation Labour  
Committee is meeting this week in Manches-  
ter to review the present position.

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## Mr. Goodwin Sums Up the Situation.

THE situation is explained in a statement  
issued by Mr. A. E. Goodwin, secretary of the  
Federation of Master Printers, and one of the  
joint secretaries of the Joint Industrial  
Council for the Printing and Allied Trades.  
In this it is stated that everything possible  
has been done to prevent the dislocation of  
the printing industry and the stoppage of any  
of the provincial newspapers, and it is only  
in the last resort that the employers in Liver-  
pool and Manchester have been instructed to  
tender notices to all members of the  
branches of the Typographical Associa-  
tion in Liverpool and Manchester, be-  
cause these two branches still decline  
to comply with the definite instructions  
of their National Executive. It is also  
pointed out that the national agreement lays  
it down that wages shall be settled on a na-  
tional basis, and one of its provisions is that  
if the wages rates or other conditions of the  
agreement are to be reconsidered, the request  
must be made by the National Executive, and  
that any branch of the Typographical Asso-  
ciation or local employers' organisation  
desiring reclassification shall make applica-  
tion to their respective executives. The at-  
tempt by the Liverpool and Manchester  
branches of the T.A. to coerce local employers  
would, if successful, continues the statement,  
nullify the national agreements, because it  
would create anomalies, which it was the  
object of the agreement to remove. The em-  
ployers' organisations regard this matter as  
extremely serious, and consider that in resist-  
ing the demands of these two branches they  
are striving to maintain the sanctity of agree-  
ments and the principle of collective bar-  
gaining.

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## Profit-Sharing in the Paper Trade.

ACCORDING to a report on profit-sharing  
and labour co-partnership in the United  
Kingdom prepared by the Ministry of Labour,  
schemes have not been widely adopted in the  
paper trade. There are, in fact, only three.  
Printing and allied trades, including the  
manufacture of stationery, have adopted the  
practice to a larger extent, there being twelve  
schemes in operation. Of the total of 116  
schemes, gas companies take the leading  
place with 30. In the three profit-sharing



schemes under the heading of papermaking, 374 employees participated or were entitled to participate, the average amount of bonus per head being £14 7s. 10d. (calculated on the number of employees participating or entitled to participate), the average ratio of bonus to earnings being 12·9 per cent. In the twelve schemes for printing, bookbinding and manufacture of stationery, 3,726 employees participate, or are entitled to; the average amount of bonus per head is £17 15s. 1d., and the average ratio of bonus to earnings 22·7. These bonus figures are the highest in the whole list. Since the table in the report was made up, notification of 37 new schemes has been received, and others are in process of formation. The 42 which were inaugurated in 1919 represent the largest number hitherto started in any one year. Up to June 30th this year 19 schemes had been started. Differing opinions are held as to the virtue of profit-sharing or co-partnership schemes, and trade unionists are inclined to look upon them with suspicion. In time, however, the benefits ought to be recognised, for "where your treasure is there will your heart be also."

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#### Current Paper Prices.

PAPER prices to-day are in the region of: White printings, second quality, 8d. to 10d.; first quality, 10d. to 11d.; esparto printings, 11d. to 1s. 1d. per lb.; S.C. printings, 9½d. to 10½d. per lb. (with certain mill acceptances at 8½d. per lb.). Art papers are firm at 1s. 2d. to 1s. 3d. per lb., with job offers plentiful at 1s. E.S. writings (free from M.W.P.) are on offer at 10d. to 1s. per lb., with several parcels procurable at 9½d. or thereabouts. Esparto writings and first grade wood pulp qualities are well booked at 1s. 1d. to 1s. 2d. per lb., while T.S. watermarked grades are still insufficient to keep pace with requirements and the prices are steady at from 1s. 4d. upwards. Foreign azures are plentiful at 1s. per lb., but in appearance they do not compare with English E.S. azures at a less price. English banks are 1s. 1d. to 1. 3d. per lb., at the mill; but there are better stocks of Swedish bank available at more favourable prices if bought direct. The usual wholesale price is 1s. 3d. per lb., but agents can be found willing to accept about 1s. 1d. per lb. Tinted banks from the mill are listed at 1s. 1d. per lb., other varieties selling at 2d. to 3d. per lb. above mill price. Unfortunately, the mills are overbooked and delivery of makings is uncertain.

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AN Advertisement is always working.

## Personal.

VISCOUNT NORTHCLIFFE has left London, and expects to return towards the end of September.

A LUNCHEON in celebration of the 80th birthday of Mr. Richard Whiteing, novelist and journalist, was given last week by the Whitefriars Club at Anderton's Hotel. A very pleasant incident of the gathering was the presentation to Mr. Whiteing of a handsome tribute from his intimate friends in the literary and journalistic world.

A FURTHER pleasure has been afforded Mr. and Mrs. Fredk. Gillis, who recently celebrated their silver wedding, by the receipt of a handsome tea and coffee service of choice design, the gift of Mr. Stanley Cousins, who is well known in the trade for his affability and willingness to give the benefit of his unique experience and extensive knowledge in furtherance of the interests of the paper industry. Mr. Gillis, who has had the control of the *British and Colonial Printer and Stationer*, and the *World's Paper Trade Review*, during the last 21 years, feels greatly stimulated by the kindness and appreciation of his past efforts emanating from so many quarters. The spontaneous presentations by friends in the London paper trade, from the staff and employees of Messrs. Stonhill and Gillis (typifying the cordial relations existing), from Mrs. Stonhill, and other personal and business friends have kindled feelings that cannot be adequately expressed. Mr. and Mrs. Gillis beg to take the present opportunity of warmly thanking their many correspondents at home and abroad for their hearty congratulations and expressions of goodwill.

MR. WILLIAM A. READ, of 50, Pall-mall, S.W.1, has joined the Board of the Cross-Atlantic Newspaper Service, and has accepted the chairmanship of the company.

THE re-appointment is announced of Mr. Basil Clarke to be head of the Public Information Branch of the Ministry of Health. Mr. Clarke, a well-known journalist and war correspondent, returns to his present post after eight months' work as editor of the *Sheffield Independent*.

THE Rome Scholarship in Engraving, of the value of £250, tenable for three years at the British School at Rome, has been awarded to Mr. J. Nixon, a student for four years at the Royal College of Art before the war and an army grant student at the Slade School. The Faculty of Engraving announce the conditions of the scholarship for 1921, and these can be obtained of the hon. general secretary, 1, Lowther-gardens, S.W.7, who will also supply the conditions of the Rome scholarships in painting, sculpture and architecture for next year, which are open to students within the British Empire.

## Commercial Intelligence.

### CURRENT SHARE PRICES.

Amalgamated Press, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Associated Newspapers, 7 p.c. Cum., 16s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 16s. 9d., Pref., 15s. 6d.; R. W. Crabtree and Sons, 8 p.c. Cum. Partg. Pref., f.p., 16s. 6d.; J. Dickinson, 27s. 6d., 28s.; Gale and Polden, 21s. 3d.; Ilford, 18s. 6d., 19s.; *Lady's Pictorial*, Pref., 23s., 22s. 6d.; Lamson Paragon, 22s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Lanston Monotype Corporation, 16s.; Lino-type A Deb., 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ , B Deb., 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Edward Lloyd, 18s. 9d., 19s.; Charles Marsden, Pref., 21s.; George Newnes, 12s. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Newnes-Pearsons Printing, 8p.c. Deb., Reg., £5 pd., 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; C. A. Pearson, Pref., 56s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Roneo, 45s.; Spicer Bros., Pref., 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Raphael Tuck, 20s., 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 21s. 6d.; Wall-paper Manufacturers, Def., New, 15s. 6d., Def., 15s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 15s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Deb., 55; Weldons, 37s. 3d.; Wiggins, Teape and Co. (1919), f.p. 24s. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 7 p.c. Cum. Pref., f.p., 18s. 9d.; Wyman and Sons, Pref., 11s. 3d.

### DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

**RAPHAEL TUCK.**—The accounts of Raphael Tuck and Sons for the year ended April 30th, 1920, show a profit of £62,954. The directors recommend a final dividend of 15 per cent. for the six months ended April 30th, making 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. for the year, to place £10,000 to the special dividend reserve, £5,000 to general reserve, leaving £4,964 to be carried forward.

**"LIVERPOOL DAILY POST."**—The directors of the *Liverpool Daily Post* and *Echo* announce an interim dividend of 5 per cent. (actual), less tax.

### NEW COMPANIES.

**WM. HUNTER (BOX-MAKERS), LTD.** (Stockton-on-Tees).—Capital, £3,000, in £1 shares. Cardboard or wood box-makers, manufacturers of cartons, stationers, printers, etc. Private company. First directors: W. Hunter, A. Coates, and J. B. Walton.

**RED BOOK PUBLISHING CO., LTD.** (London).—Capital, £10,000, in £1 shares (4,000 10 per cent. cum. part. pref.). To adopt an agreement with W. C. Bersey, and carry on the business of publishers, printers, book and point sellers, etc. Private company. Subscribers: J. F. Seacombe, and H. J. Gay. Subscribers appoint first directors.

**ROBERTS, VINCENT AND CO., LTD.**—Capital, £5,000, in 2s. 6d. shares (3,500 pref.)

Manufacturers, exporters and importers of and dealers in boxes, cases, containers, trays, rope, string, etc. Private company. Subscribers: R. H. MacIntyre, and D. A. Daniel. First directors: F. C. Ward, and C. E. Vincent. Registered office, 48, Copthall-avenue, London, E.C.

**WESTDALE, LTD.**—Capital, £2,000, in £1 shares. General merchants, importers of textile fabrics, leather goods, stationery, fancy goods, etc. Private company. Subscribers: W. Honnor, and Mary McLeod. Registered office, 65, Boundary-lane, Liverpool.

**PAVITT, SONS AND CO., LTD.**—Capital, £3,000, in £1 shares. Dealers in paper, twine, cord and packing materials. Private company. First directors: H. D. Candlish, and and Mrs. S. K. Franklin. Registered office, 13, Steedman-street, London, S.E.

### COMPANY MORTGAGES AND CHARGES.

Fresh Obligations registered pursuant to Section 10 of the Companies Act, 1907, and Satisfaction registered pursuant to Section 16 of the Companies Act, 1900. (The registration of Satisfaction is not compulsory.)

**FINANCIAL TIMES, LTD.**—Satisfaction in full on June 15th, 1920, of debentures dated June 29th, 1896, and August 24th, 1905, securing £50,000 and £15,000 respectively.

**BIRMINGHAM GAZETTE, LTD.**—Particulars of £40,000 debentures authorised July 15th, 1920, whole amount issued. Charged on the company's property and undertaking, present and future, including uncalled capital. No trustees.

**SHEFFIELD INDEPENDENT PRESS, LTD.**—Satisfaction in full on July 15th, 1920, of 1st and 2nd debentures dated September 7th, 1909, securing £17,000 and £2,500 respectively.

**WOLVERHAMPTON LIBRARY, LTD.**—Satisfaction to the extent of £50 on June 22nd, 1920, of debentures dated March 7th, and June 20th, 1913, securing £1,175.

**L. UPCOTT GILL AND SON, LTD.** (printers, etc., London).—Satisfaction in full on May 13th, 1920, of mortgage dated December 6th, 1915, securing £4,700.

**SWAITHMORE PRESS, LTD.**—Issue on July 23rd, 1920, of £1,000 debentures, part of a series already registered.

**BURLEIGH, LTD.** (publishers, Bristol).—Mortgage debenture dated July 15th, 1920, to secure all moneys due or to become due from



company to National Bank, Ltd., charged on company's undertaking and assets including uncalled capital.

STENT, CLARKE AND CO., LTD. (printers and stationers, Guildford).—Mortgage dated July 2nd, 1920, to secure £2,500 charged on 32, High-street, Guildford. Holder: E. Stent, 32, High-street, Guildford.

WOOD MITCHELL AND CO., LTD. (printers and stationers).—Mortgage dated July 13th, 1920, to secure all moneys due or to become due from company to Lloyds Bank, Ltd., not exceeding £4,000, charged on Oriol Works, Park-street, Hanley.

ERSKINE MACDONALD, LTD. (publishers, London).—Mortgage or charge on 16, Featherstone-buildings, Holborn, W.C.1, dated July 1st, 1920, to secure £872 1s. 1d. Holders: W. G. Kyle, 16, Featherstone-buildings, Holborn, W.C.1.

HOWARD AND JONES, LTD. (stationers, printers, etc., London).—Transfer of mortgage, dated May 7th, 1920, to secure £20,000 charged on 26, 27 and 28, Bury-street, E.C. Holders: Phoenix Assurance Co., Ltd., and C. M. S. Higgins, 1, Upper Berkeley-street, W.

BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE NEWSPAPER AND PRINTING CO., LTD.—Satisfaction in full on July 12th, 1920, of mortgage or charge dated October 11th, 1911, securing £2,400 and interest.

WILLIAM WALKER AND SONS (OTLEY), LTD. (printers, etc.).—Particulars of £25,000 debentures authorised June 14th, 1920, whole amount issued. Charged on the company's undertaking and property, present and future, including uncalled capital. No trustees.

FENWICK AND WADE, LTD. (printers, Newcastle-on-Tyne).—Mortgage dated July 12th, 1920, to secure £1,000, charged on 1 and 3, Clarence-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Holders: R. W. Graham and Mrs. G. H. Bonnyman, 26, King-street, South Shields.

### COMPANY NOTICES, etc.

WELSH PUBLISHING CO., LTD. — Passed. May 29th, confirmed, June 26th:—"That the company be wound up voluntarily; and that Mr. W. J. Parry, of Coetmor Hall, Bethesda, be appointed liquidator."

CUMBERLAND EVENING MAIL PUBLISHING CO., LTD.—Creditors are required, on or before September 4th to send claims to E. J. Williams, Exchange-buildings, 14, Lowther-street, Carlisle, the liquidator.

MRS. BULL, LTD.—General meeting at 67-8, Broad-street-avenue, London, E.C.2, August 30th, at 11.0 a.m. to receive liquidator's report.

GRAHAM-KING ADVERTISING CO., LTD.—Passed, June 29th; confirmed, July 14th:—"1. That the Graham-King Advertising Co., Ltd., be wound up voluntarily; and 2. That Mr. E. A. Graham be appointed liquidator. Meeting of creditors at St. Andrew's Works, Crof-

ton-park, London, S.E.4, on August 5th, at 4 p.m.

PAPETERIE DE STAMBOUL, LTD. — Passed, June 19th; confirmed, July 7th:—"1. That the company be wound up voluntarily; 2. That Messrs. James La Fontaine and Salomon Pardo Roques be appointed liquidators. Meeting of creditors August 23rd, at 2.30 p.m., at the offices of Ed. La Fontaine and Sons, No. 1, Allalemdjian Han, Stamboul, Constantinople.

## Gazette.

### A WORD OF CAUTION.

In giving the official Gazette information, it must be distinctly understood that we take official records as we find them, and accept no responsibility for inaccuracies, while, as an almost invariable rule, the facts will be found correct. We advise our readers, before forming hasty judgment, to consider that there may be in each case satisfactory explanation which does not appear on the records.—Ed.]

### ENGLAND AND WALES.

#### PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED.

John Eastwood and George Pickles, paper and twine merchants, under style of "J. Eastwood and Co.," at 27, Old Cock-yard, Halifax. July 21st. Debts by G. Pickles, who continues.

#### NOTICES OF INTENDED DIVIDENDS.

W. Beckwith, lately residing at 2, Park-field-corner, Dewsbury-road, Leeds, now of 8, Rowland-place, Leeds, printers' labourer. Claims by August 11th to H. C. Bowling, official receiver, 24, Bond-street, Leeds.

C. R. Reeve, 55, Roundhay-road, Leeds, paper merchant and stationer. Claims by August 14th to H. C. Bowling, official receiver, 24, Bond-street, Leeds.

A. D. Williams, The Box Manufactory and Peniel Green, Llansamlet, Glamorgan, box maker. Claims by August 14th to H. Rees, official receiver, Government Buildings, St. Mary's-street, Swansea.

#### NOTICE OF RELEASE OF TRUSTEE.

A. B. Lake, "Rydal," Leasowe-road, Wallasey, Chester, journalist. Trustee, E. D. Symond, official receiver, 11, Dale-street, Liverpool. Released July 19th, 1920.

J. ILOTT (AUSTRALIA), LTD., has been registered with a capital of £15,000, in £1 shares, to acquire the advertising agency businesses carried on at Sydney by Meyer and Fisher, Ltd., and by Stanley Forbes Rudolf Meyer at Melbourne, and the business in Australia of J. Iloft, Ltd., a company incorporated in New Zealand, carrying on business at Wellington and elsewhere. Permanent directors: Stanley Forbes Rudolf Meyer, Jack Fisher, and a person to be appointed by J. Iloft, Ltd.

## Lendrum Limited.

Pleasant Staff Dinner at the Piccadilly Hotel.

Lendrum Limited believe in giving their foreign representatives a good send-off. They have agents now in various parts of the world championing the cause of British paper and providing an outlet for British industry. It will be remembered that the firm, inspired by the enterprise of Mr. E. S. Lendrum, at the beginning of this year took over the export paper department of Edward Lloyd, Ltd., with the result that new life and vigour have been given to the enterprise so well established. It was to send off to Japan with happy recollections and confidence of support Mr. C. E. Willis (the Japan resident manager of Lendrum Limited) that the London staff, to the number of upwards of 30, assembled in the Adams Room of the Piccadilly Hotel on Tuesday evening. Mr. E. S. Lendrum, who inaugurated these happy gatherings, presided, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent. An excellent dinner was followed by appropriate speeches and an entertaining musical programme, to which Miss Godfrey, Mr. Wilson, Miss Gladys Voile, Mr. Rex Burchell and Mr. A. P. Jackson contributed. With Mr. Willie Wright at the piano.

After the toast of "The King" had been duly honoured, Mr. Lendrum proposed the health of "Our Guest—Mr. Willis." He recalled the dinner to Mr. Milne, their representative in Australia, it being an established practice to give their representatives in foreign parts a send-off so that they might have happy recollections of them. In Mr. Willis they had one in whom they could place the greatest confidence. His work had been proved and tested in the past and they had every reliance upon him, while Mr. Willis on his part could rely upon the backing he would receive from the London office. For the moment they could sympathise with Mr. Willis, because the market to which he was going was, for the time being, uncertain; but from the results achieved even under the existing conditions they could anticipate when the year's work was completed that it would be successful. (Hear, hear.) When he (Mr. Lendrum) contemplated taking over the export business of Edward Lloyd, Ltd., it looked to be a colossal undertaking, and it was, but he could say that since Lendrum Limited had assumed the additional responsibility it had become even more colossal, not because the business had not been well organised and well controlled before, but because they had increased the turnover since January. (Applause.) He was proud and gratified to think, not only that they had been successful in the same way, but that they had been more successful than they had anticipated. He was sure that would also apply to the Japanese business, and they met together that evening to wish Mr. Willis *bon*

*voyage* and a profitable sojourn in Japan. (Applause.) The chairman conveyed to Mr. Willis the hearty good wishes of Mr. Sutton, who was unable to attend the dinner.

### A Big Turnover.

Proceeding, Mr. Lendrum said they had been accused of holding very large stocks. Well, they did not do it willingly, and if anybody wished to buy they were at liberty to do so at the prevailing market quotation, whether that was higher or lower. Those who were blaming them should rather give them credit for catering for their requirements later on. Mr. Lendrum went on to acknowledge the loyal services of the staff, and attributed the prosperity of the firm to the individual efforts of those who were interested in the business. He added that the undertakings with which he was connected had a turnover of over three millions a year, which was no small item. He thought the firm owed it to those who took a share in the work, and he was proud and pleased to recognise that. There was no likelihood of their going back. He thought they would advance with the aid of those associated with the business, and he looked forward to other happy gatherings of that kind, which enabled them to meet and to know one another better. (Applause.)

Mr. C. E. Willis was cordially received on rising to respond. He thanked Mr. Lendrum for the generous character of the send-off, and remarked that it was a great thing to him to know that he had such a splendid backing in London. They could imagine at the end of last year when he learned that his old firm was giving up the export paper trade it was something of a shock to him; but now that he knew Mr. Lendrum and saw that the majority of his friends who had been behind him in previous years were retained, he felt confident as to the future. In Mr. Lendrum as their chief they had one to whom they could give whole-hearted service and loyalty and he would draw out the very best in everyone of them. (Applause.) Mr. Willis then entertained the company with an interesting description of Japanese social life, of which he has had experience for some ten years.

### Vicissitudes of the Paper Trade.

Mr. E. H. Raynham, as one of the old guard from Salisbury-court, proposed the toast of "Lendrum Limited."

Mr. Lendrum, in reply, expressed his gratification at the interest shown in their work by the old firm of Edward Lloyd, Ltd., and the directors, who had laid the foundations of the business so well.

The directors of the Cumberland Paper Board Mills, Ltd., are offering a further 14,500 second cumulative preference shares of £1 to all shareholders at par, in the proportion of one for every 10 shares held on June 24th, payable 5s. per share on application, 5s. per share on allotment, and the remaining 10s. per share in two calls of 5s. each at intervals of not less than two months.



Notes and News for

## The Bookbinder.

**Costing in the Bindery.**

Binders are feeling the effect of the new wages on the ultimate cost of production. It seems distinctly unfair that they should be debarred from providing for the safety of the department by the aggressive attitude adopted by the men on the subject of time dockets. The industry has long since reached the stage when accurate cost-finding becomes a vital necessity. Under the conditions now prevailing, many jobs must be executed at a loss, while others yield a big profit. From the ignorant point of view, the result in the aggregate may be deemed satisfactory, but if the person with this point of view happened to be the one who had to bear the burden of the abnormal price, he would very probably change his opinion. The time has arrived when the administrative side of the industry should resolutely tackle the problem of cost-finding and recording. It is an open secret that for the all-round establishment the official costing system is more or less reduced to a farce by the exclusion of binding department records.

**Quieter Trade.**

Trade has quietened down considerably during the last few weeks, and as a consequence the binders' demands for material have become much less keen. Possibly this fact may account for an absence of advances of rising prices. For the first time in several months we have nothing to record in the way of increasing costs of material. On the contrary, leather merchants, particularly, seem to have suddenly become more active in offering attractive parcels at lower prices than those ruling hitherto. Stock-taking may have had something to do with this, but the greatest factor is a low demand and a greater abundance of material. There is not much difficulty at the moment in picking up basils at 3d. or 4d. per square foot less than was paid a few weeks ago. At the same time, it must be clearly understood that the cost of production at the tanneries is on the increase. The market for raw materials is not so firm as it was, however, owing to the great slump in the boot trade. As a consequence of the reticence of these people at the auctions, the prices realised for pelts is less artificial and the bookbinding and fancy leather trades are reaping a slight advantage.

**Leather Prices.**

Calfs, moroccos, goats, basils and splits are plentiful, and some cheap parcels are on offer. Rough calf has been sold at 2s. 9d. per square

foot, rough sheep at 1s. 5½d., basils at 1s. 1½d. to 1s. 3d. per foot, angios at 3s., skivers at 10d. to 1s., and pigskin at 2s. 9d. Moroccos of the better grade, however, keep steady at the higher price, and are rather difficult to secure.

**Marble Papers.**

Marble papers have come forward in good quantity during the last week or two, and many long-overdue orders with the Belgian makers have at last been executed. Prices vary; the buyer who placed his order some time ago with the direct importer, saving as much as 10s. per ream on the basis of medium. Far too high are some of the prices now being asked by certain wholesale houses, and users will be well advised to refrain from buying until a more reasonable level is descended to.

**Strawboards.**

Dutch strawboards are plentiful again, but the tendency of the price is to harden. No sooner had the transport trouble in Holland been settled than fresh difficulties arose at the mills, and at the present time some of the most important strawboard mills are shut down. The probability is that future prices for strawboards will be higher, but at the present time there are some tempting offers being made, mainly by importers who are feeling the need of ready money. The commitments and running expenses of the strawboard merchant are very heavy, and mill terms are for cash against documents. Until now the demand for strawboards has always been much greater than the supply, and there was very little storage by the importer, as the whole of his consignment was usually sold before it arrived in port. The position is changing, hence the anxiety of some agents to force business, even at the cost of a reduced price. To-day's basis for unlined strawboard is £26, but it is not by any means difficult to find supplies at £22, and even less, especially for spot cash.

THE *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* announce an increase of price to 2d. In making the announcement the *Daily Telegraph* says:—Prior to the war the landed cost of news-print paper in Sydney was £10 10s. 6d. per ton. It is now between £80 and £90 per ton, with a rising market. It will be seen, therefore, that the increase in the price of the *Daily Telegraph* bears a very small proportion to the enormous increase in the price of the raw material. The duty alone is nearly equal to the whole original cost.

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# New Inventions.

## Imitation Leather.

Mr. M. Zignone has patented an invention by which in the manufacture of imitation leather, bundles or laps of fibres are led on to an endless conveyer band, and binding, softening, and hygroscopic substances are applied to the fibres which are simultaneously acted upon by a blower to produce a "felting" of the fibres. As shown, fibres 1 from a carding-machine pass over a conveyer 3 to a conveyer 2 and are subjected at 6 to the action of a blower, treated with binding, fatty, and hygroscopic substances at 7, 8, and 9 respec-



tively, then subjected again to the action of a blower at 10, and pass between pressing-rollers 11 and calender rollers 14 to a roll 15. For producing thicker fabric, the material is passed a number of times round the conveyer 2, or a drum, while fresh fibres are fed from the carding-machine. In another form of apparatus, a number of layers of fibres are fed simultaneously from rolls on to successive parts of an endless conveyer, the fibres of each layer being subjected to the action of a blower and treated with binding and softening or hygroscopic substances. The binding substance may be a solution of cellulose, cuprammonium oxide, glue, etc.

## Embossing Presses.

In a press for embossing fabrics, skins, or other material by means of an engraved or etched plate, the embossing is effected by water or other fluid pressure acting through a thin steel or other metal diaphragm *m* of

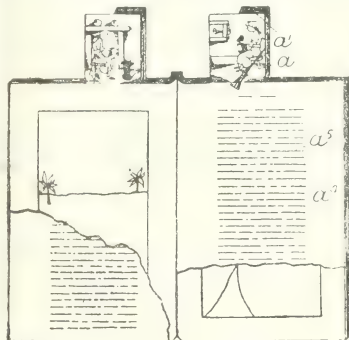


dished form secured to the press follower *e* by a frame *n* which confines the flange of the diaphragm while leaving it free to expand. Blotting-paper may be interposed between

the diaphragm and the material to protect the engraved, etc., plates. The invention is patented by Mr. C. A. Harnden.

## A Kinematograph Effect.

In an invention by Mr. A. T. Mason flaps are provided integral with or attached to, the pages of a book to bear illustrations, and arranged for the purpose of obtaining a kinematograph effect. The flaps *a*, which have their top edges *a'* bevelled in two directions,



are provided at each side with illustrations indicative of the text *a''* on the leaves *a'*, which may also be illustrated. The two-way bevelling allows the flaps to be slipped past the thumb in either direction to obtain the effect desired. The flaps may be of any shape and may be arranged at the top, bottom, or side of the leaves, and the book cover may be of such size as to protect them.

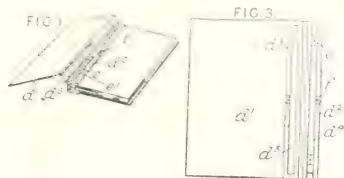
## Solid Ink.

Mr. M. Tsutsumi, a Japanese gentleman has patented a solid ink completely soluble in water, which consists of dried extracts of log-wood and galls and potassium ferrous tartrate to make an iron black, a suitable dye to modify the shade of black, sodium salicylate as an antiseptic and also to deepen the colour, and gum arabic as the binding-agent. The ink may be used in powdered condition, or may be pressed into cakes.

## A New Device.

An invention by Mr. J. Rowley relates to devices of the kind described in Specification

920, 1914, having perforated flexible bands  $c$  attached to one cover and engaging-pins attached to the other cover. According to the invention, the pins  $e^1$  and the turned-over parts of the bands are arranged to lie beneath the top cover when the binder is closed, so as to become protected thereby. The top cover comprises front, intermediate and rear portions  $d^1$ ,  $d^2$ ,  $d^3$  hinged together as shown



in Figs. 1 and 3. The pins  $e^1$  are carried by the rear portion. After the bands have been secured by the pins, the intermediate portion of the cover is folded down to lie over the bands and is fastened by a catch  $f$ . The inner faces of the portions  $d^2$ ,  $d^3$  may be recessed as shown at  $d^4$ ,  $d^5$  to accommodate the bands and pins.

## Olive's Paper Mill Co., Ltd.

This company has recently been formed to acquire the paper manufacturing business of Messrs. Olive Bros., Ltd., Woolfold Mills, Bury. The capital is £200,000, in ordinary shares of £1 each, with 8 per cent. first mortgage debenture stock to the amount of £150,000. An issue is announced of 190,000 ordinary shares at par.

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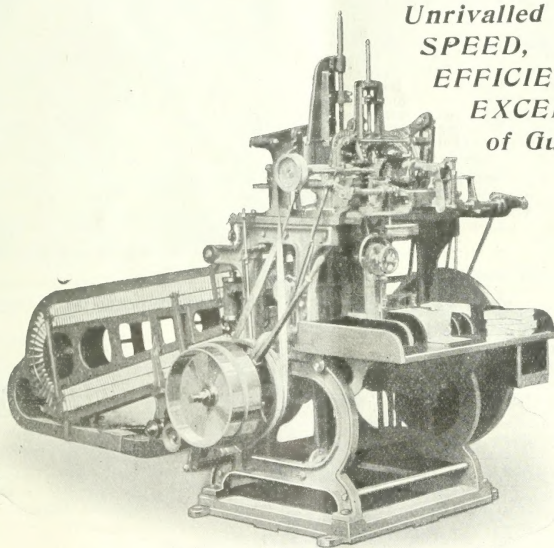


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